

LEWISTOWN JOB SERVICE EMPLOYERS' COMMITTEE

August 18, 2005

Present: Lori Gill, Dave Byerly, Kathy Fleharty, Susan Knedler, Nancy Wilson, Robin Fleming, Janis Duffy

The meeting was held at the new Sports Inc. house (aka The White House) and prior to the meeting Nancy gave members a tour of the house and explained some of the history and renovations that had taken place. Our thanks to Nancy and Sports Inc. for their hospitality!

Robin welcomed members to the meeting and extended a special welcome to new member, Lori Gill.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Kathy gave the Treasurer's Report in written format and it was approved as submitted.

Old Business:

Strategic Plan: After discussion, it was decided to not have a special meeting in September to go over our Strategic Plan as we had previously decided at the last meeting. Instead, we will have it as an agenda item at the regular meeting on October 20th. This meeting will be from 7a.m. - 10 a.m. at either the Job Service conference room or at the White House. Location will be announced via email the week before the meeting.

Thank you notes to co-sponsors: Janis circulated thank you notes to the financial institutions that co-sponsored the Customer Service Seminar in May; members present signed.

Nancy facilitated the remainder of the meeting since Robin had to leave.

Steve Beck Seminar: Janis explained to the group that in order to host the seminar at the Fergus Center for Performing Arts as planned, we will be required to furnish liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. She has contacted Lewistown Insurance who furnishes insurance to the school district and was told the premium would be between \$450-500. She contacted Kathy Yankoff in Helena to see about the possibility of a grant from MSEC to help with this and was told by

Kathy that that amount of money probably would not be a problem if it was for a resource or other tangible item our JSEC wanted to buy, but might be a stretch for an insurance premium. Janis has contacted the Yogo and at this time the Sapphire A & B rooms are available any day during the week of March 20-24, 2006, but not available on the 15th. She has also emailed Steve Beck regarding changing the date of the seminar to that week if necessary; as of the meeting she had not yet heard back from him. After discussion, Nancy suggested that if we were able to get the Chamber to co-sponsor the seminar with us, then perhaps the seminar could be covered under their insurance. She will contact Connie at the Chamber to discuss. If this doesn't work, then Susan will contact her insurance company to see if something will work through them. Susan also offered that perhaps either the City of the County might be other options of co-sponsorship with a possible insurance option. Janis will notify members via email of Steve's availability the week of March 20th, in case we have to move the seminar elsewhere.

ABC/September 21, 2005: Janis reported that she plans to show one of the 10 Danger Zones for Supervisors videos at the Clinic and with Christy Robbins' presentation on WOTC, our 50 minutes time slot will be filled up. She asked for volunteers to be at the registration desk at 7:30 a.m. and Susan and Kathy offered to take care of this. Lunch and break items will be the same as last year, i.e. taco bar for lunch and assorted donuts and cookies with beverages at the breaks. Nancy suggested that we have an information sheet available at the registration desk to advertise both the October and March seminars; Janis will take care of this.

Jim Nys Seminar/October 12, 2005: Dave will draft an article for the News Argus and will give a copy to the radio station. Janis will make the brochures, which will be signed at the September meeting. She will also see that there is an ad put in the Chamber newsletter and also send out the "heads up" postcards again to our business mailing list. Susan inquired as to the possibility of continuing education credits being offered to those attending. Janis will email Jim to see if he is set up to do this.

New Business:

HB 667: Janis distributed an information sheet on the Small Business Healthcare Affordability Act. Members will give the information to other small business owners that may be interested in taking advantage of the availability of this insurance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on September 15, 2005, at 7:00 a.m. at the Job Service conference room.